

RESOLUTION NO. 20-008

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A STATE OF EMERGENCY REMAINS IN PLACE FOR THE CITY OF GROVE AND A THREE-PHASE APPROACH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO OPEN GROVE'S ECONOMY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to be a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the governor of the State of Oklahoma have declared an infectious disease national emergency declaration to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grove adopted a proclamation declaring a state of emergency on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grove adopted Ordinance No. 789 on March 24, 2020, granting it the force of law to enforce any rules, regulations, provisions and resolutions made pursuant to 11 O.S. § 22-120(A); and

WHEREAS, the City of Grove adopted a Resolution on March 24, 2020 and April 7, 2020 implementing Mandatory Emergency Provisions; and

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of Oklahoma authorized implementing the Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) plan, a three-phase approach to open Oklahoma's economy (<https://www.okcommerce.gov/covid19/ours-plan/>) beginning April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, when a municipality has imposed restrictions that are more restrictive than the Governor's restrictions, then the municipality's restrictions would prevail (*Oklahoma Statutes 21 O.S. §1321*)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE:

SECTION 1: The City of Grove hereby adopts Oklahoma's Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) plan including any amendments made thereto as they are implemented, *except for sections of the plan that are in conflict with more stringent restrictions set forth by the city.* Exhibit 'A' hereto attached is a three-phase approach to open Oklahoma's Economy and shall be a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: The City of Grove has the ability to impose more stringent restrictions and hereby establishes the following guidelines during this State of Emergency:

a. Safer at Home.

- Residents and visitors who are a minimum of 65 years of age or are part of a vulnerable population should continue to follow the CDC 'Safer at Home' guidelines.

Until further notice, if someone in a residence has tested positive or exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19, all members of the household shall quarantine at home in a separate area from the isolated person for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days. Members of the residence shall not go to work, school or attend any other community events.

b. Individual guidelines.

- Follow Covid-19 guidance established by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma State Health Department and Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- Follow CDC guidance regarding Social Distancing
- Wash hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching the face
- Disinfect frequently-used items and surfaces as much as possible
- Wear face coverings while in public and when using mass transit
- Stay home and contact their doctor if they are feeling sick

c. Public Facilities.

Open to Public, using social distancing and subject to social gathering

- Tennis Courts
- Skate Park
- Walking Trails
- Library – in compliance with the Eastern Oklahoma Library System regulations
- Wolf Creek Park & Boating Facility
- Softball and baseball fields
- Soccer fields
- Parks and playground equipment
 - ✓ Swings
 - ✓ Slides
 - ✓ Climbing bars
 - ✓ Toys
 - ✓ Other such apparatuses
- Splash pad
- Swimming pool
- Basketball courts
- Civic Center

Until further notice, the following are closed to the public:

- Community Center
- Senior Citizen's Center

d. Public Services.

Administrative and emergency personnel will remain on staff to answer phone calls and conduct essential services during regular business hours.

Utility and other payments can be paid by mail, phone, on-line at www.cityofgroveok.gov, automatic withdrawal, the drive-thru window during business hours, or placed in the drop box outside city hall.

Grove Municipal Services Authority may be able to delay utility service disconnection and/or waive late fees for customers who have difficulty paying their GMSA utility bills due to loss of income or business disruption as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

e. Public Meetings/Court.

Resume regular schedules June 1

- Municipal Court
- Convention and Tourism Meetings
- Planning and Zoning Meetings
- Grove Economic Development Meetings

f. Authorization. The City Manager and Department Heads are hereby authorized to make necessary operational changes to protect employees and the public from exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

The City Manager shall be authorized to make emergency purchases of goods and services and enter into contracts as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and to protect public or private property from further harm or damage. Contracts pursuant to this section may be entered into by the City Manager without the prior approval of the City Council.

g. Effective Date. Further, this Resolution shall remain in effect until June 16, 2020 wherein the city council will extend and revise this resolution as deemed necessary for the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Grove.

PASSED and adopted by the Mayor and City Council on the 2nd day of June 2020.

ATTEST:

Ed Trumbull, Mayor

City Clerk